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Hon. Pat Miller, Hearing Officer  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's  
Triennial Review Order (Nine-month Proceeding) (Loop & Transport)*  
Docket No. 03-00527

Dear Director Miller:

In anticipation of the December 8, 2003 Authority Agenda Conference, this is to notify you that BellSouth, the members of CompSouth, AT&T, the Sprint Companies and the Consumer Protection and Advocacy Division are working on a specific joint request to respond to the concerns regarding the Parties' proposed hearing schedule set forth in your recent *Order Denying Joint Motion in Part and Granting Joint Motion in Part and Re-establishing Procedural Schedule*. In that *Order*, you stated that, based on the failure of all Parties to this docket to respond to your letter of November 13, 2003 and the failure of all Parties to agree unequivocally to the terms and conditions set forth in that letter, you denied the Parties' request to hold hearings for all three Triennial Review Dockets (TRA Dockets 03-00491, *Mass Market Switching*, 03-00526, *Batch Hot Cuts*, and 03-00527, *Loop & Transport*) during the week of March 29, 2004. Your *Order* also stated that the Parties may bring this matter back before you at such time as there is agreement among the Parties as to the terms and conditions set forth in the letter of November 13, 2003.

BellSouth, CompSouth and AT&T are working on such an agreement to allow the hearings in all three dockets to go forward and be completed during the week of March 29, 2004. This proposed agreement will be shared with the other active parties of record for their review and concurrence.

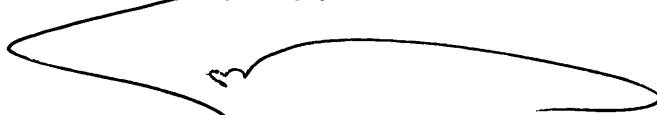
We respectfully request that you not take any action during the December 8 Agenda Conference that would foreclose or limit your consideration of such an agreement. We expect to submit an agreement to the Authority by the end of next week.

We hope the information in the letter will save you and the other Directors time during the December 8 Agenda Conference.



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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy M. Hicks".

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For BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

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Henry Walker  
For CompSouth and AT&T

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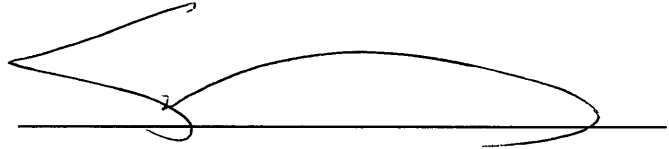
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